

## South Tyneside **NHS** District Hospital

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Dear Editor,

I Mr. Alexander Green, Research Fellow and Trainee Surgeon, state that the presented article entitled:

"Comparison of Clinical Outcomes between Total Hip Replacement and Total Knee Replacement".

was strictly an observational study that did not assign patients to any interventions. This was an observational study using existing data from routine clinical care. Therefore, IRB approval was not required.

Yours Sincerely,



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